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SUBJECT: NOMINATIONS FOR ANGOLAN EXILE LABOR LEADER
PARTICIPATION IN UNION TO UNION PROGRAMS

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1. EMBOFF HAS DISCUSSED WITH UNTZA SEC GEN KIKONGI POSSIBILITY OF INVITING LULENDO AND NGANGUDILA (RECENTLY REPLACED BY MAKITUMBU). KIKONGI HAS BEEN NAMED BY AFL/CIO AS INVITEE AND HAS TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED. HIS REACTION SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE. HE NOTED THAT PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR HIGH LEVEL LEADERS OF IMPORTANT TRADE UNIONS AND POINTED OUT THAT EXILED ANGOLAN UNIONS ARE WEAK AND DO NOT FALL IN THIS CATEGORY. HE SAID THAT HE HAD NO TANGIBLE OBJECTIONS TO INVITING ANGOLAN LABOR LEADERS TO THE STATES, BUT SUGGESTED SOME OTHER TYPE OF PROGRAM MIGHT BE MORE SUITABLE. IT SEEMED CLEAR KIKONGI WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE ANGOLANS PARTICIPATE WITH HIM.

2. POST WILL CONSEQUENTLY FOREGO NOMINATING ANGOLANS FOR THIS PROGRAM. WOULD BE PLEASE TO CONSIDER NOMINATING THEM FOR NORMAL EDX TRAVEL GRANT FROM REGIONAL FUNDS.
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